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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.



**CONCISE EXPLANATION OF  
RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

The foregoing documents came to Applicants' attention during a search of the corresponding United Kingdom application. A copy of the United Kingdom search report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

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English translation of Document A6 is not readily available; however, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

**STATEMENT**

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(e) (1) that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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